

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims ~~1-4~~ and ~~7-8~~ and amend claims 5 and 6 as follows:.

5. (Amended) A method of producing knitted netting [in a knitting machine],
comprising:

supplying lateral polyolefin ribbons [;] and [supplying] longitudinal polyolefin
ribbons to a knitting machine; [adjusting at least one of the lateral polyolefin ribbon paths in the
knitting machine;]

forming at least one modified lateral ribbon having an actual ribbon length that is
at least 10% greater than a calculated ribbon length while knitting the lateral polyolefin ribbons
[knitted] with the longitudinal polyolefin ribbons to form a knitted netting having at least one
modified lateral ribbon [;

wherein said step of adjusting at least one of the lateral polyolefin ribbons paths
results in a lateral polyolefin ribbon in the knitted netting having an actual length more than
110% of the length of a calculated shuss length for the knitted netting.]

6. (Amended) The [A] method [of producing knitted netting in a knitting machine
wherein the] according to claim 5, wherein [step of adjusting at least one of the lateral
polyolefin] the modified ribbon [paths further comprises] is formed by using a corrugated trick
plate in the knitting machine.

Please add the following new claims:

~~9.~~ The method according to claim 5, comprising forming modified lateral polyolefin ribbons along outside edges of said knitted netting.

10. The method according to claim 5, wherein all of said lateral polyolefin ribbons are formed to have an actual length that is at least 10% greater than said calculated ribbon length.

11. The method according to claim 5, wherein said at least one modified lateral ribbon is formed to have an actual length that is at least 30% greater than said calculated ribbon length.

12. The method according to claim 10, wherein all of said lateral polyolefin ribbons are formed to have an actual length that is at least 30% greater than said calculated ribbon length.

13. A process of producing knitted netting exhibiting reduced lateral shrinkage, comprising:

feeding longitudinal and lateral polyolefin ribbons to a knitting machine, knitting said longitudinal polyolefin ribbons with at least one modified lateral polyolefin ribbon in a knitting machine by forming at least one modified lateral ribbon having an actual ribbon length that is at least 10% greater than a calculated ribbon length to form a knitted netting which upon elongation up to 100% exhibits reduced lateral shrinkage relative to knitted netting produced without said at least one modified lateral ribbon.

14. The process according to claim 13, comprising knitting said longitudinal polyolefin ribbons with a plurality of modified lateral polyolefin ribbons.

15. The process according to claim 13, wherein said lateral shrinkage is about 12% upon elongation of about 60%.

16. The process according to claim 14, wherein said lateral shrinkage is greater than 0 % lateral shrinkage and less than 10% upon elongation of between about 20% and about 50%.

17. The process according to claim 14, wherein said lateral shrinkage is between about 10 % and about 20% upon elongation of between about 50% and about 70%.

18. A process of producing knitted netting exhibiting reduced lateral shrinkage, comprising:

feeding longitudinal and lateral polyolefin ribbons to a knitting machine, knitting said longitudinal polyolefin ribbons with at least one modified lateral polyolefin ribbon in a knitting machine by forming at least one modified lateral ribbon having an actual ribbon length that is at least 30% greater than a calculated ribbon length to form a knitted netting which exhibits reduced lateral shrinkage upon elongation up to 100% relative to knitted netting produced without said at least one modified lateral ribbon.

19. The process according to claim 18, comprising knitting with a plurality of said modified lateral polyolefin ribbons.

20. The process according to claim 19, wherein said lateral shrinkage is about 12% upon elongation of about 60%.

21. The process according to claim 19, wherein lateral shrinkage is greater than 0 % and less than 10% upon elongation of between about 20% and about 50%.

22. The process according to claim 19, wherein said lateral shrinkage is between about 10 % and about 20 % upon elongation of between about 50 % and about 70 %.

23. A method of producing knitted netting, comprising:
knitting polyolefin ribbons with a trick plate having at least one outwardly curved surface element to form knitted netting having longitudinal polyolefin ribbons and lateral polyolefin ribbons, wherein at least one of said lateral polyolefin ribbon is modified to have an actual length which is at least 10% greater than a calculated ribbon length, to produce knitted netting which exhibits reduced lateral shrinkage upon elongation up to 100%.

24. The process according to claim 23, comprising knitting with a trick plate having a plurality of outwardly curved surface elements.

25. The process according to claim 23, wherein said lateral shrinkage is about 12% upon elongation of about 60%.

26. The process according to claim 23, wherein said plurality is greater than 0 % and lateral shrinkage is less than 10% upon elongation of between about 20% and about 50%.

27. The process according to claim 23, wherein said lateral shrinkage is between about 10 % and about 20% upon elongation of about 50% and about 70%.

28. The process according to Claim 23, wherein said lateral shrinkage is between about 20% to about 30% upon elongation of between about 50% and about 80%.

29. The process according to Claim 14, wherein said lateral shrinkage is between about 20% to about 30% upon elongation of between about 50% and about 80%.

30. The process according to Claim 19, wherein said lateral shrinkage is between about 20% to about 30% upon elongation of between about 50% and about 80%.

31. The process according to Claim 14, wherein said lateral shrinkage is between 20% to about 20 % to about 50 % upon elongation of between about 80 % and 100 %.